



PESTICIDE ESA NEWS

Washington State Department of Agriculture ➔ Endangered Species Program Newsletter

Stakeholder input needed for review of state-specific data

At its summer meeting, the Pesticide Advisory Board ad hoc committee on surface water monitoring will review the process the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) uses to develop Washington state-specific crop and pesticide use summaries. WSDA encourages pesticide user groups, manufacturers and other interested parties to attend the meeting and participate in the discussions about the development and use of these summaries.

WSDA staff create the crop and pesticide use summaries and want pesticide user groups involved in the upcoming meeting to ensure accuracy and comprehensive review of the data contained in the summaries. Washington State University Cooperative Extension and commodity organizations and commissions have been the primary contact for peer review of the summaries.

WSDA proposes to provide crop and pesticide use summaries to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for its consultation with National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The state-specific summaries include specific pesticide information, pest, method, timing and location for each application as well as descriptions of where specific crops are grown and use estimates by commodity.

These summaries will be key components of the Washington state-initiated plan.

The Pesticide Advisory Board ad hoc committee meeting will be announced in the June Pesticide/ESA Newsletter. See a related article about the next Pesticide Advisory Board ad hoc committee meeting on page 1.

For additional information about the summer Pesticide Advisory Board subcommittee meeting, please contact the Endangered Species Program at esp@agr.wa.gov. ➔

Subcommittee will meet May 14

The Pesticide Advisory Board ad hoc committee on surface water monitoring will meet in Olympia from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. May 14. The meeting will be held in Room 259, Natural Resources Building at 1111 Washington St.

The tentative agenda includes:

- 1) Review the role of the ad hoc committee
- 2) Surface water monitoring update
- 3) Develop agenda for June meeting

For additional information on this meeting, please contact Jim Cowles at (360) 902-2066 or Steve George, ad-hoc committee chairman, at (509) 453-4749. You may also get information by sending an e-mail to esp@agr.wa.gov. ➔



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QUESTIONS?

For more information about the Endangered Species Program, visit our Web site at <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/EnvResources/EndangSpecies.htm>

WSDA welcomes your input. Please send your comments and questions to the Endangered Species Program esp@agr.wa.gov

Awareness

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WSDA offers assistance for ESA compliance

WSDA would like to assist growers, crop advisors and other interested parties to more effectively comply with the requirements of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Through scheduled on-site visits, WSDA is offering a forum for a mutual information exchange about pesticide application practices without the risk of enforcement action.

Through these discussions, WSDA hopes to get from growers and consultants the information it needs to document current pesticide management practices. WSDA is also looking for information about application techniques that prevent off-target product movement, mating disruptors and other confusion/avoidance products that may minimize the use of highly toxic pesticides, and other management practices that may minimize water quality impacts.

To arrange a site visit or to get additional information about the technical assistance proposal, please contact Ed Von Grey at (509) 782-0407 or (509) 668-4465 or send an e-mail to esp@agr.wa.gov.

Small fruit growers receive ESA update

“WSDA’s Endangered Species Program is working to find local solutions for compliance with the federal Endangered Species Act,” Bridget Moran told the audience at the 5th Annual Small Fruit Grower's Workshop March 19.



Bridget Moran and Dr. Lynell Tanigoshi (right) answer questions from small fruit growers.

The workshop, held on the on the Washington State University Vancouver campus, provided updates for small fruit growers on the status of pesticide registrations, applied pest management programs, cultivars and environmental issues pertinent to the region.

Moran, the Endangered Species Program coordinator, discussed the proactive stance WSDA has taken on the Endangered Species Act. WSDA is gathering state-specific pesticide and surface water data. Washington state-specific data is a key component of the Washington plan to protect threatened and endangered species.

See the Apr. 11 issue of [Pesticide ESA News](#) for more information about the Washington state-initiated plan.

If you are interested in having Endangered Species Program staff speak at your next meeting, please contact Bridget Moran at (360) 902-1936 or send an e-mail to esp@agr.wa.gov.

Fish facts: salmonids

A salmonid is a member of any of a family (Salmonidae) of elongate bony fishes, such as salmon or trout, that have the last three vertebrae upturned. The family Salmonidae includes the salmon, trout, and whitefish.

The following salmonids are listed as threatened or endangered in Washington state: chinook, coho, sockeye and chum salmon, and steelhead trout. Nearly 140 species of fish and wildlife (from killer whales to caddisflies) depend on Northwest salmon for survival.

Environmental Media Services, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and National Marine Fisheries Services contributed to this article.



*Chum salmon
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